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1. AT AUGUST 6 SENIOR POLADS MEETING, CHAIRMAN (KASTL) REFERRED TO COUNCIL'S DECISION (USNATO 3549) THAT SPC SHOULD WORK ON IDENTIFICATION OF MAJOR CHANGES IN SECURITY AREA AND RAISED QUESTION AS TO HOW COMMITTEE SHOULD PROCEED. HE NOTED THAT SOME CONTRIBUTIONS HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM DELEGATIONS AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT MORE WOULD BE FORTHCOMING, MENTIONING IN THIS CONNECTION THAT FRENCH MIGHT BE PRESENTING PAPER. HE ASKED WHETHER SPC COULD MEET AGAIN ON AUGUST 16 TO BEGIN WORK ON LIST OF CHANGES IN ORDER TO PROVIDE BASIS ON WHICH SYG LUNS COULD ISSUE SECOND PO BEFORE END OF MONTH.

2. CANADIAN AND NORWEGIAN REPS PRESSED FOR EARLY SUBMISSION OF NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND SUGGESTED THAT AUGUST 14 BE SET AS DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS. FRENCH REP AVOIDED STATING WHETHER OR NOT PARIS WOULD PRESENT PAPER BUT SUGGESTED THAT HE WAS UNLIKELY HAVE INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO SECOND HALF OF AUGUST. THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS TO SETTING AUGUST 14 AS INFORMAL DEADLINE FOR ADDITIONAL SUBMISSIONS, AT WHICH TIME COMMITTEE WILL DETERMINE WHAT FURTHER STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN.

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3. COMMENT: WE INFORMALLY DISCUSSED SPC WORK PROGRAM ON ATLANTIC RELATIONS WITH KASTL PRIOR TO MEETING, AT WHICH TIME HE INDICATED THAT HE WOULD PROPOSE, AS HE DID, THAT COMMITTEE IN EFFECT HOLD OFF WORK UNTIL FURTHER CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM DELEGATIONS.

WITH POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF CANADIANS, WE DOUBT THAT ANY DELEGATIONS WILL SUBMIT PAPERS PRIOR TO AUGUST 14, AT WHICH POINT SPC WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO DECIDE TO EXTEND DEADLINE.

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